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UPDATED MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Petit Larceny, Sale of Stolen Property	January 2014	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
14BU001155	College Street, Burlington	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Det. M. Hemond	802-540-2229	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Det. M. Hemond		
VICTIM:	AGE:	VICTIM ADDRESS:
Fletcher Free Library		235 College Street, Burlington
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Patrick Rooney	55	Main St, Colchester
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Arraigned in Chittenden Superior Court, Criminal Division on 01/21/14 at 1030.		

NARRATIVE:

Patrick Rooney of Colchester appeared in Superior Court in Burlington this morning to answer to charges of Petit Larceny and Sale of Stolen Property relating to theft and sale of a 220+ year old document written in 1791 regarding the town of Sterling, VT that was stolen from the holdings of the Fletcher Free Library and offered for sale to the Bailey-Howe Library. The document is valued at between \$175 and \$500, but has been described as “priceless” given its age and historical value as it is related to Ira Allen. The document was recovered and returned to the Fletcher Free Library for restoration and to be rebound into the original volume.

Both Petit Larceny and Sale of Stolen Property are punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year and fines of not more than \$1,000.00 or both. Mr. Rooney has been arrested in the past for possession and sale of stolen historical items and a booking photograph of Mr. Rooney is attached for reference. Mr. Rooney appeared in court today and was released on conditions not to contact the Bailey-Howe Library or the Fletcher Free Library or their staff without a police escort.

Area libraries and historical societies are reminded that it is important to maintain their holdings and to periodically check their collections for missing items and remain vigilant for suspicious activity.

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